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November 4, 2018—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart. . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.
Confessions: 4:15 p.m. (Saturday)

Devotions

Rosary - Monday - Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

How is the Christian life, or life as a Roman Catholic, summed up? What Scripture passage, text from the Catechism, or saying from a saint or pope would you use to encapsulate Christianity? The question sounds like a bizarre parlor game at a gathering of theologians! Any answer can be found lacking. Focus on the sacraments and one might counter with liturgy. Affirm the Creed and someone might critique you for excluding Mass. Mention Mary and the saints and you could be accused of neglecting Jesus.

Something similar is the setting for the gospel today. One of the scribes, one of those learned in the law and all things Jewish, came to Jesus with a deceptively simple question. “Which is the first of all the commandments?” How Jesus answers will reveal much about his learning, his presuppositions, any of his biases, or, worst of all, his ignorance. Like a parlor game, this question is designed to show off the skill and knowledge of the questioner as much as the one questioned. Whatever answer Jesus offers can undoubtedly be critiqued. Will he respond with the first of the Ten Commandments? the first commandment issued in the book of Genesis? Or will Jesus somehow choose one commandment to be the first, in the sense of primary?

Jesus’ answer cleverly combines two commandments (Deut 6:4; Lev 19:18) to be the greatest. “There is no other commandment greater than these.” In fact, though each commandment is in the Torah, scholars know of no other prophet or teacher prior to Jesus who had ever combined these two commandments in this way. Thus, modern scholars believe this unique combination stems from the teaching of the historical Jesus. It was he who combined the commandment to love God with the commandment to love one’s neighbor. In this, the law is summed up and is more meaningful than burnt offerings and sacrifices, that is, many of the other precepts and commandments of the law.

There is nothing for the interlocutor to critique. He affirms and admiringly repeats Jesus’ response, for which he is told, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” Jesus so embodies the law that no one else has the courage to ask him any questions. The theological parlor game is concluded for the day.

But for us Christians, how is the Christian life summed up? By going to Mass on Sundays and holy days? By making First Fridays? By observing Lent? Or are those acts more akin to the burnt offerings and sacrifices prescribed by the law? Might there be something more foundational to the Christian life than even doctrines, creeds, holy days, or Lent? Perhaps Jesus’ words are meant for us too. If only we love God and love our neighbor as ourselves.
**Masses for the Week**

*November 4, 2018*

11/03 Saturday  
*Saint Martin de Porres, Religious*  
8:00 a.m. † Giorgina Dell’Isola  
(by: Corrado DeMartini)  
5:00 p.m. † Fredy Glauser  
(by: Blanche & Karl Greutert)

11/04 Sunday  
*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. † *For the Deceased Pastors of St. Philip the Apostle Parish:*  
Fr. John Cullen, Fr. Jerome B. Hannigan,  
Fr. John R. Cantillon, Msgr. William J. Flanagan,  
Fr. Joseph I. Manning,  
Fr. Thomas Regan

11/05 Monday  
8:00 a.m. † Nora & Jeremiah Crowley  
(by: Sandy Crowley)

11/06 Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. † Gertrude & Leo Peter  
(by: Dolores Martin)

11/07 Wednesday  
8:00 am † Jimmy & Jerry Spillane  
(by: Greg Nakamura & Family)

11/08 Thursday  
8:00 a.m. † Lola Karels Family, Special Intention  
(by: )

11/09 Friday  
*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*  
8:00 a.m. † Nora & Jeremiah Crowley  
(by: Sandy Crowley)

11/10 Saturday  
*Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*  
8:00 a.m. Sandra Kearney  
(by: Carolee Lubin)  
5:00 p.m. † Helen Morales  
(by: Julia Trepanier)

11/11 Sunday  
*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Veterans Day*  
8:00 a.m. † Berty, Hildi & Pauli Schneider  
(by: Mila Schneider)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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**Prayer for Vocations**

Loving and generous God,  
you called the prophets  
to bring your word to your chosen people.  
Your Son, Jesus, called the first disciples  
to be bold proclaimers of the good news.  
In the modern world, you continue to call  
your sons and daughters to the priesthood,  
diaconate, and consecrated life.  
Calm the chaos and soothe the sounds of our world,  
and allow more to hear your soft voice  
calling them to pick up their cross and follow.  
May the Holy Spirit fall upon your church in a profound way,  
so that we may experience a tremendous harvest of grace.  
May vocations increase ever abundantly  
and may your church stand as a witness to the world  
of the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

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**Let us remember in our Prayers...**

Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, especially the homebound and the elderly, that God will assist them in their time of need and that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.

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Those who have died, Charles Matthews, Sister John Martin Fixa, O.P., who grew up in Noe Valley and was a former Principal of St. James and I.C.A. and was Director of the Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope, the deceased of our parish, and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

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**2019 Mass Intentions**

Our 2019 Mass Book has arrived and open for taking your Mass intentions. Please drop by the Parish office to reserve your desired Masses between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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**St. Patrick’s Seminary & University**

**Second Collection**

*November 3 & 4, 2018*

Our second collection this weekend benefits St. Patrick’s Seminary located in Menlo Park, CA. Your funds will go toward the formation of future priests who are responding to their call from God to enter religious life and become effective pastors to lead parishes in the future and proclaim the Word of God. Thank you for your support.

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**We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.**

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| Second Collection—St. Vincent de Paul | $840.00 |

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**Children’s Choir Practice**

Tuesdays in the Parish Hall, 3:30p.m.

**The Adult Choir**

Tuesdays in the Church at 7:30 p.m.
Attention Boys in 3rd-8th Grade:
It's time to sign up for CYO Boys Basketball Season!

Come join the St.Philip Bruins for the basketball season (baseball sign ups to follow soon)

Please sign up before next Friday Nov 16th so we can see how many players we have and how many teams we will need to register with CYO.

CYO Boys Basketball Sign Up
Or feel free to email bruins@saintphilipschool.org if you have any questions.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Good and faithful God, you have given us so many people in our lives that have given us joy and solace.
We ask you to remember our dearly departed. Keep them close to you as we all wait for that day when we all will come and worship in your presence.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thomas Burke Mary Crowley
Juana Gomez Catherine Mayer
AnnMarie Ravara-Naidu Kimberly O’Kane Ingram
“Gene” Hance Patricia Crowley
Shirley Casteneda Kathleen O’Donnell
Maureen Dineen George Wheatley
David Dickey Ava Powell

Charles Matthews

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately bound together. You cannot have one without the other. Who are my neighbor and how do I love them? It is easy to confess with our lips that we love our neighbor. But how does this get translated into action? Our neighbors are not only those who live around us or are most familiar to us. Everyone is our neighbor: those who are foreign to us, those who have come here illegally, those who have hurt us, those we envy, those we take for granted, and those who are poor. Embracing humanity in all of its forms is not always an easy task, and doing so can quickly take us out of our comfort zones. Working for justice, as God desires, often means adjusting how much I can have and sacrificing our wants and desires. The very image of God is on the faces of our neighbors, and our face can be found there as well. How much do we really love them?

DONATE TO THE FOOD DRIVE

Once again we will be collecting non-perishable and canned foods for those in need. Beginning on November 10th through November 25th we will have a collection barrel at the St. Mary’s Statue to collect your offerings. You have been most generous in the past and hope to continue this gesture of gratitude for our brothers and sisters less fortunate.
Coat & Jacket Drive
Benefitting Families at Hamilton House

We are collecting clean, reusable coats and jackets to be distributed free to children and adults living at the transitional Hamilton House here in San Francisco. Items will be collected through November 9th.

Let’s team up with Luke Sullivan, 8th Grade student from our Parish School who is leading this worthy outreach effort.

* New or gently used winter coats or vests in good condition are needed
* Children and adult sizes
* Please consider washing before donating

Please make sure all buttons, zippers, and snaps are functional.

Thank you for supporting this effort!

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Did you know there are churches in Rome older than St. Peter's?

St. John Lateran is one of four major basilicas in the Eternal City, and it is by far the oldest. The land was donated by an ancient Roman family to the Emperor Constantine, who in turn gave it to the Church. For hundreds of years, St. John Lateran was the "mother church." Popes lived on the grounds through the 14th century. The church itself suffered from pillaging by invaders, fires, and earthquakes. It has been restored and rebuilt five times since the 300s.

On this feast, we remember more than a building. We celebrate the resiliency of our faith. Though trials may come in our parishes, personal lives, and the world, the Church endures through the grace of Jesus Christ.
*May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them*

Traditionally, November is the month when we especially remember the souls who have entered eternal life.

We will display names of those who have been called to the Lord on scrolls on the Sanctuary pillars. You are welcome to also inscribe the names of your loved ones you wish remembered in the Book of the Deceased, which is placed on the Sanctuary by the Communion Rail.

All Souls offering envelopes can be found in the pews as well. These too will be placed on the Sanctuary and remembrances offered during all the Masses in November.

**Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?**

Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism. **Next Session will be held on Tuesday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.**

**Are you planning a spring 2019 wedding?**

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastoral staff and reserve the church.

Keep in mind Archdiocese guidelines require couples contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date to begin the Pre-Cana preparation.

Call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141

**Fall Event for Married Couples**

November 9-11 – Marriage Encounter: Couples, getting ready for school has meant lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 9-11 in San Jose. For complete information, visit the website sanjosewwme.org, or contact Ken and Claranne at 408-782-1413 or applications@sanjosewwme.org.

**Children’s Liturgy**

Our young faithful, ages 4-6 are invited to participate in Children’s Liturgy during the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the side chapel.

Our leader’s role is to open the hearts of the children to the word of God and allow them to respond. Parents are welcome to sit with their children if this is a new experience for them.

**Daily Prayer This Week**

This week it is clear that Jesus is calling us to a deeper love of our neighbor. He is telling us that we need to expand the list of those we are to love. He is telling us to have more passion in our desire to love others and he is urging us to prepare for how we will do that. Finally, Jesus makes it clear that we can’t try to love money or honors and at the same time love God. We end the week Sunday as we watch Jesus admire the poor widow put her small change in the poor box.

This is a wonderful background reflection for us this week. All week we can ask the Lord to help us. The quality of our asking will make all of the difference.

Dear Lord, help me today when, in my busyness, I become self absorbed. Help me, in my intensity, when I take things personally. Help me, in the burdens I bear, to give up my escape into self-pity.

Dear Lord, thank you for loving me and for showering so many gifts on me and my family. Help me to be more grateful and more generous. Today, help me to notice the needs of others. Help me to hear the news with more compassion. Help me imagine what I can do for others in need. I know the cost of discipleship with you will be easy when I remember your love.

Dear Lord, I am really getting it that the lure of “riches and honors” can easily seduce my heart. Why is it so tempting to like and be with the beautiful people, the “successful” people? Why do I get tricked into these values and these ways of valuing myself and others? Let me choose “simple,” Lord. Let me choose “solidarity.” And, when I resist, let me know.

Each night this week, let us give thanks.

Together, we can do amazing

**Saint Paul’s Church**

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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**PARISH SERVICES**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
This Sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, or care facility, please request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital or care facility is located, through the nursing station.

**BAPTISM**
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the parish office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our baptismal preparation program. Please call two months before you wish the baptism. Parents must make an appointment to attend the preparation session. Godparents may attend if they wish. These sessions normally take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The preparation maybe done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

**FAITH FORMATION**
Sacramental preparation is a one year program here at St. Philips. First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in the 2nd grade. However, we offer accommodations for those older. Classes are held in the chapel on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will be required upon registration. Please call the Parish office for complete details. 415-282-0141

Our Confirmation Program is designed for those youth entering the 8th grade or already in high school. These sessions begin in the fall. You must provide baptismal and First Eucharist certificates. To register call the Parish Office 415-282-0141

R.C.I.A.—Adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith are welcome to attend an Inquiry Session in the fall. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m.in the Resource Center building (the old convent). Call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**
Call the Parish Office to arrange for visitation and the gift of Holy Communion from one of our Extraordinary Ministers for your friends and family members who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or hospitalization. This is a beautiful ministry which allows for the Church to reach out to those who are homebound and share faith and friendship.

**MARRIAGE**
Couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to their intended wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Pastoral Staff to begin their marriage preparation journey.

**RECONCILIATION**
Saturdays 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**
Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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**PARISH RESOURCES**

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**PRE-SCHOOL**
(415) 282-0143 www.saintphilippreschool.org
Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
Email: preschoolinfo@saintphilipparish.org

**PARISH OUTREACH**

Baptismal Classes First Tuesday of the Month
7:00 p.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
First Communion Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
CCD Confirmation Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Group (PTG) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30a.m., (Hall 3)
Rosary Makers School Consultative Board
Second & Third Thursday,
Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+) 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Please contact the rectory at (415) 282-0141
As a service to the community, we sponsor the following:
Monday A.A. Meeting (Men’s) 7:00 p.m. Hall 3
Tuesday A.A. Kitchen (Ladies) 6:00 p.m. Hall 3
Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
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